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SUBJECT: SALES OF SOVIET ELECTRO-GENERATING EQUIPMENT TO LATIN
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1. SUMMARY. THE SOVIET UNION HAS SOLD ELECTRO-GENERATING EQUIPMENT TO FIVE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, WITH MAJOR SALES TO BRAZIL AND TO ARGENTINA FOR BOTH HYDROELECTRIC AND THERMAL POWER PLANTS. SMALLER SALES HAVE BEEN MADE TO BOLIVIA AND PERU. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE TERMS OF FINANCING THE SALES.

2. A TASS VESTNIK ARTICLE OF AUGUST 17 STATES THAT SOVIET FTO "ENERGOMASHEKSPORT" HAS PLACED AN ORDER WITH SOVIET MANUFACTURERS FOR FIVE COMPLETE HYDROELECTRIC "AGGREGATES" WITH 178,000 KW "KAPLAN" MODEL TURBINES. THESE "AGGREGATES" ARE TO BE SUPPLIED TO BRAZIL IN 1977-78 FOR THE SOBRADO HYDROELECTRIC STATION ON THE
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SAO FRANCISCO RIVER. THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE MANUFACTURED BY TWO

LENINGRAD PLANTS: THE TURBINES BY METALLICHESKIY AND THE GENERATORS BY "ELEKTROSILA." THE TOTAL VALUE OF THIS DEAL WITH BRAZIL IS 51.8 MILLION RUBLES (68.5 MILLION DOLLARS). EARLIER, ENERGOMASHEKSPORT HAD RECEIVED A BRAZILIAN ORDER FOR FOUR "AGGREGATES" OF 165,000 KW EACH FOR THE CAPIVARI HYDROELECTRIC STATION. THE FOUR THREE-PHASE GENERATORS FOR THIS STATION WILL BE MANUFACTURED BY ELEKTROSILA AND BY THE SVERDLOVSK PRODUCTION ASSOCIATION "URALELEKTROTYAZHMASH."

3. ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS THAT SOVIET UNION IS SUPPLYING EQUIPMENT FOR SALTO GRANDE HYDROELECTRIC STATION AND THERMAL ELECTRIC STATIONS. ARTICLE REPEATED INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL B, BUT NO MENTION IS MADE OF ANY SALES OF SOVIET TRANSMISSION LINES OR TRANSFORMER STATIONS.

4. TWO OTHER SALES OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT ARE MENTIONED. ONE IS A 500,000 RUBLES (\$660,000) ORDER FROM BOLIVIA FOR STATIONARY AND MOBILE DIESEL POWER PLANTS INTENDED TO FUNCTION AT AN ELEVATION OF 4,000 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL. THE OTHER IS THE SALE TO PERU OF GENERATORS FOR OL'MOS HYDROTECHNICAL PROJECT.

5. COMMENT: THERE WAS NO MENTION ANYWHERE IN THE ARTICLE OF THE FINANCING TERMS INVOLVED IN ANY OF THE SALES. THE TRANSACTIONS POINT UP AGAIN THE ABILITY OF THE SOVIET UNION TO SELL ELECTRO-GENERATING EQUIPMENT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND OUTSIDE THE CMEA AREA.
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